

Examenul de bacalaureat 2011

Proba C
de evaluare a competențelor lingvistice într-o limbă de circulație internațională
studiată pe parcursul învățământului liceal

Proba scrisă la Limba engleză

Toate filierele, profilurile și specializările/ calificările

Varianta 9

- Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
- Timpul efectiv de lucru este de 120 de minute.

ÎNȚELEGEREA TEXTULUI CITIT

SUBIECTUL I

(40 de puncte)

Read the text below. Are the sentences 1-5 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B), choose 'Doesn't say' (C). Write your answers on your exam sheet.

Many people automatically think of travelling to distant destinations when they think of vacations. Is it true that it has to be a far away place in order to make for a wonderful vacation? While traveling can certainly provide an enjoyable vacation, there are also ways of taking little "mini-vacations" to relieve stress. In fact, sometimes elaborate vacation plans can cause more stress than they help relax. By planning little vacations, you can enjoy all the benefits and avoid all the problems of vacation planning.

When planning a mini-vacation think of what would offer you the most enjoyment. This will be different for everyone, and might even differ for one person depending on the circumstances. A short trip to a place you've never taken the time to visit can be quite enjoyable, such as a trip to the neighborhood zoo or museum. Taking yourself out to dinner or going to dinner with a friend doesn't take much time, but it can provide a much-needed break in your daily routine.

If you have been so busy that you haven't had time to devote to your daily house chores, a day off to spend just doing everything you are behind on can be really satisfying. Although it sounds like taking time off from work just to do more work, it can actually feel like a treat. Most people find that they can drastically reduce their stress level simply by taking a day off to catch up on work. It might be a little thing, but knowing that the garden has been weeded or the kitchen is clean can add joy to your life.

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| 1. | Travelling to distant places is the only way of relaxing | | |
| | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 2. | Mini-vacations can relieve stress. | | |
| | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 3. | Elaborate vacation plans can create comfort. | | |
| | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 4. | The writer suggests a trip to the local zoo. | | |
| | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |
| 5. | In order to relax you must go to the cinema with a friend. | | |
| | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't say |

SUBIECTUL al II-lea

(60 de puncte)

Read the text below. For questions 1-10, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. Write your answers on your exam sheet.

America the Not-So-Beautiful

Next to saving stuff I don't need, the thing I like to do best is throw it away. My idea of a good time is to load up the back of the car with junk on a Saturday morning and take it to the dump. There's something satisfying about discarding almost anything.

Throwing things out is the American way. We don't know how to fix anything and anyone who does know how is too busy to come so we throw it away and buy a new one. Our economy depends on us doing that. The trouble with throwing things away is, there is no "away" left.

Sometime around the year 500 B.C., the Greeks in Athens passed a law prohibiting people from throwing their garbage in the street. This Greek law was the first recognition by civilized people that throwing things away was a problem. Now, as the population explodes and people take up more room on earth, there's less room for everything else.

The more civilized a country is, the worse the trash problem is. Poor countries don't have the same problem because they don't have much to discard. Prosperity in the United States is based on using things up as fast as we can, throwing away what's left and buying new ones. We've been doing that for so many years that we've run out of places to throw things. Some of the things we're throwing away are poisoning the earth and will eventually poison all of us and all living things.

Ten years ago most people thought nothing of dumping an old bottle of weed or insect killer in a pile of dirt in the backyard or down the drain in the street, just to get rid of it. The big companies in America had the same feeling, on a bigger scale. For years the chemical companies dumped their poisonous wastes in the rivers behind the mills or they put it in fifty-gallon drums in the vacant lots. The drums rusted out in ten years and dumped their poison into the ground. It rained, the poisons seeped into the underground streams and poisoned everything for miles around. Some of the manufacturers who did this weren't even evil. They were dumb and irresponsible.

The people of the City of New York throw away nine times their weight in garbage and junk every year. Of all household waste, 30 percent of the weight and 50 percent of the volume is the packaging that stuff comes in. Not only that but Americans spend more for the packaging of food than all our farmers together make in income growing it. That's some statistic.

The best solution may be for all of us to pack up, board a spaceship and move out. If Mars is habitable, everyone on Earth can abandon this planet we've trashed, move to Mars and start trashing that. It'll buy us some time.

(adapted from *Not That you Asked...* by Andrew A. Rooney, 1989)

1. One of the Americans' satisfaction is
 - A. keeping old things they can use in the future.
 - B. getting rid of almost anything.
 - C. repairing broken stuff.
 - D. enjoying riding a car on a Saturday morning.
2. America's economy depends on
 - A. Americans throwing repairable things.
 - B. Americans driving cars on weekends.
 - C. Americans being easily satisfied.
 - D. Americans being too busy.
3. According to a law in Ancient Greece
 - A. Greeks were allowed to throw garbage in the street.
 - B. people weren't allowed to throw garbage in the street.
 - C. only civilized people were allowed to throw garbage in the street.
 - D. only women were allowed to throw garbage in the street.

4. The more civilized a country is,
 - A. the better its means of transport are.
 - B. the better its citizens live.
 - C. the more garbage it produces.
 - D. the more prosperous its economy is.
5. Prosperity in America means
 - A. buying old stuff at low prices.
 - B. winning the lottery.
 - C. continually buying.
 - D. piling up old stuff.
6. Throwing things away is not only a matter of filling up space, but also
 - A. a demographic one.
 - B. a cultural one.
 - C. a religious one.
 - D. an ecological one.
7. Big companies are comparable to some people, in the fact that they both were
 - A. dishonest.
 - B. thrifty.
 - C. irresponsible.
 - D. corrupt.
8. Chemical companies poisoned the ground not only by dumping waste in rivers, but also by
 - A. fishing in vacant lots.
 - B. depositing them at random.
 - C. causing poisonous rain.
 - D. throwing away building materials.
9. The New Yorkers throw away
 - A. mainly food.
 - B. mainly wrappings.
 - C. mainly farm products.
 - D. only chemical products.
10. The solution in the last paragraph is
 - A. realistic.
 - B. fantastic.
 - C. feasible.
 - D. ironic.

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SUBIECTUL I

(40 de puncte)

You recently borrowed your best friend's DVD player. Unfortunately it has been broken. Write him an email of **80-100 words** explaining what happened and proposing ways of putting matters right.

SUBIECTUL al II-lea

(60 de puncte)

Write an opinion essay in response to the following statement: *Success in life comes from taking risks or chances.*

Write your essay in 180-200 words.